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1. On orders from the SMA, DERUTRA is no longer responsible (as of 1 May 1947) for clearance of goods at the port of Rostock; these duties are now carried out by a newly formed Rostock Port Operating Co. (Rostocker Hafenbetriebsgemeinschaft). The latter is composed of the Rostock firms of Ihlenburg, Thyssen, Schröder, and Glückauf. These are forwarding and cargo-stowing agents, and are concerned with the equipping of ships as well as the coal export trade.
2. DERUTRA itself still exists but chiefly as a "cover" organization. In practice the Port Operating Co. receives instructions from DERUTRA as to which materials and/or goods are loaded onto which ship. The municipality of Rostock is financially responsible, i.e., it finances payments and bears any losses which may take place. A municipal official, whose name is as yet unknown, has been placed above the firms which form the company.
3. This reorganization is the result of a conference in the last days of April at which approximately forty members of SMA Karlshorst and the Berlin Zentralverwaltung were present. Most of these were Soviets; among the Germans present was Pfitzer of the Zentralverwaltung.
4. Another result of this conference has been a change in DERUTRA personnel. The present head at Rostock is Colonel Musekov, whose deputy is Lt. Colonel Timshuk. The former head, Chishov, has said in confidence that he is being transferred to Stettin to reorganize that port on similar lines.

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